



## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### **LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC. SANTA ANITA PARK**

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**WEEK 6 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019, THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2019.**

#### **TUESDAY**

01/29/19<sup>1</sup>

#### **PROGRAM CHANGES**

The racing office was open this morning accepting program changes for the eight (8) race card on Thursday, January 30. Steward Grant Baker was on duty.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

01/30/19<sup>1</sup>

#### **ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, February 2. Official scratch time for January 30 was this morning at 10 a.m. Ten (10) races were drawn for Saturday, February 2, 2019. The day will be highlighted by the Grade 3 \$150,000 Guaranteed Robert B. Lewis Stakes (Race 5) and the Grade 2 \$200,000 Guaranteed San Pasqual Stakes (Race 9). Steward Grant Baker was on duty.

#### **THURSDAY**

01/31/19<sup>1</sup>

#### **JOHN JUDE RULING**

Jockey JOHN JUDE was issued a 'Violation Notice' by a San Luis Rey Downs outrider on January 22, 2019. The notice was issued for 'galloping along the rail'. The notice states that he was warned for the same thing the previous day in front of Safety Steward Paul Atkinson. Jockey Jude was contacted on the phone and accepted the following sanction.

#### **LATS Ruling #033**

Jockey JOHN JUDE is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping on rail) at San Luis Rey Downs on January 22, 2019.

01/31/19<sup>2</sup>

**RAUL ARMENTA COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 18DM0086)**

**ALEJANDRO 'ALEX' GALINDO (CASE NO. 18DM0087)**

Exercise riders RAUL ARMENTA and ALEJANDRO 'ALEX' GALINDO appeared in our office today to answer to allegations that they violated CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The two (2) complaints in this matter are nearly identical and read as follows.

*On November 11, 2018, Exercise Rider Alejandro 'Alex' Galindo/ Exercise Rider Raul Armenta were involved in a physical altercation with Exercise Rider Raul Armenta/ Exercise Rider Alejandro 'Alex' Galindo in the North parking lot by Gate #7. Both parties were interviewed by stable security and both claimed the other party was the instigator.*

Both respondents appeared at today's informal hearing. Along with the Stewards' also present were CHRB Investigators' Greg Icamen and Mike Barker. Darin Scharer (Winner's Foundation) was also in attendance. The hearing was opened by Steward Kim Sawyer (Chair) but was continued following roughly twenty-five (25) minutes due to technical difficulties of the Security video footage and time constraints. This hearing was carried over to Friday, February 8. More to follow.

01/31/19<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections. Hard morning rains forced turf racing to a sloppy main track. Sixteen (16) late program scratches were announce on the day's card.

01/31/19<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race Declarations	#1 ICE KAT (Tr. R. Baltas) Off Turf-Stewards
	#2 FALCONE (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Off Turf- Stewards
	#3 BELLERIN (Tr. C. Gaines) Sick- Tim Grande DVM
	#7 EAST RAND (Tr. T. Yakteen) Off Turf-Stewards
1 <sup>st</sup> Race	NO SHOW WAGERING
1 <sup>st</sup> Race	OFF TURF. REFUND TOTAL: \$39,149.98
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration	#4 GAIN GROUND (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Injured-Tim Grande DVM
	REFUND: \$1,686.77
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	OFF TURF
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	Cancel Roulette and \$1 Rolling Super High 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race Declarations	#3 LOMU (Tr. N. Drysdale) Off Turf—Stewards
	#6 POINTED (Tr. M. Schwizer) Off Turf-Stewards
	REFUND TOTAL: \$3,025.31; Minus Pool \$66.51
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	Cancel Roulette Wagering
4 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#4 THE HARDEST WAY (Tr. R. Ellis) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
	REFUND: \$1,494.50
5 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#1 LUCKY BRITE EYE (Tr. M. Bellocq) Injured-Dana Stead DVM
	REFUND: \$1,609.34
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 CHOI (Tr. B. Cecil) claimed, R. B. Hess Jr. trainer
6 <sup>th</sup> Race Change	from 1 ¼ Mile Turf to 1 1/8 Turf
	2 <sup>nd</sup> change to 1 1/8 Mile Main track
6 <sup>th</sup> Race Declarations	#2 YA GOTTA WANNA (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf-Stewards
	#3 MAESTRO DEARTE (Tr. P. Euron) Off Turf- Stewards
	#4 RISKY PROPOSITION (Tr. B. Spawr) Off Turf-Stewards
	#6 STARTING BLOCK (Tr. A. Marquez) Off Turf-Stewards
	REFUND TOTAL: \$15,535.60

6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 ACKER (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #3 BRIX (Tr. R. Baltas) Off Turf—Stewards  
 #9 FLICFLAC (Tr. H. Zucker) Full Field-Stewards  
 #10 PLAY MONEY (Tr. D. Hofmans) Off Turf-Stewards  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race OFF TURF

01/31/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,221	\$288,821.61
SCOTWinc	2,629	\$712,716.04
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,694,144.30
Total	3,850	\$4,695,681.95

**FRIDAY**

02/01/19<sup>1</sup>

**RAUL ARMENTA RULING (REF: 01/31/19<sup>2</sup>)**

Exercise Rider RAUL ARMENTA appeared in our office yesterday to answer to an alleged Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) violation. Mr. Armenta signed a 'Testing Agreement' with the CHRB after he was suspended for fifteen (15) days in October 2018 (LATC Ruling #15). This was after testing positive for Methamphetamine. Mr. Armenta was administered a 'drug test' yesterday and CHRB enforcement reported that the test was positive for marijuana. Darin Scharer (Winners Foundation), Mike Barker (CHRB Enforcement) and Greg Icamen (CHRB Enforcement) were also present today.

A hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible on this latest issue. The Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Armenta should be prevented from exercising horses immediately due to this most recent drug finding. Darin Scharer is going to attempt to assist Mr. Armenta immediately before we all meet again in an upcoming hearing as a yet to be determined date. The following ruling was issued.

**LATS RULING #034**

Exercise Rider RAUL ARMENTA, who is on probation (Case No.18DM0086) in accordance with LATC Ruling #15 (Dated October 5, 2018) is summarily suspended pending a hearing, following the results of a positive test (marijuana) on January 31, 2018 at Santa Anita Park. \*During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of RAUL ARMENTA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), RAUL ARMENTA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

02/01/19<sup>2</sup>

**FUENTES/FIGUEROA MEETING**

The Stewards asked to meet with Jockey RUEBEN FUENTES and Apprentice HERIBERTO FIGUEROA this morning. Nelson Arroyo, who is the agent for Apprentice Figueroa, also attended the meeting. The impetus for this meeting was actions that took place in the first race yesterday Thursday, January 31. There was a four (4) horse field on a sloppy track in this one (1) mile event. Jockey Fuentes was aboard first place finisher #1 PLATINUM EQUITY. While entering the backstretch (3/4 mile marker) #1 PLATINUM EQUITY drifts out wide taking fourth place finisher #6 SPA SHACKAKACKA (Heriberto Figueroa) out to the middle of the track. The actions of Jockey Fuentes bordered on careless and he was not issued a penalty in what was a unanimous decision.

Apparently, unbeknownst to the Stewards, these two riders haven't been getting along well lately although they were respectful to each other at this informal meeting. The Stewards told Fuentes to 'ride his own horse', and told both jockeys' to stay professional and safe while competing against each other. They were also told that anything less than that would be addressed with austerity.

02/01/19<sup>3</sup>

**RUEBEN FUENTES RULINGS**

Del Mar based attorney Bing Bush contacted Sharyn Jolly (Administrative Hearings) at CHRB Headquarters in Sacramento earlier this week to inform the CHRB that his client Jockey RUBEN FUENTES would like to drop two (2) separate riding suspensions. These rulings were issued by Santa Anita Stewards in October 2018. The rulings below suspend Jockey Fuentes the equivalent days of the week as the original rulings.

**LATS RULING #035**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATC ruling #018 (October 6, 2018) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (February 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2019).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

**LATS RULING #036**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATC ruling #038 (October 26, 2018) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (February 22, 23, 24, March 1 and 2, 2019).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

02/01/19<sup>4</sup>

**OFFICIAL SWITCH**

Far turn (3/8ths) Patrol Judge Randy Valdez will stay in the racing office to assist with Clerk of the Course duties this week. Racing Official Michael Burns is replacing him.

02/01/19<sup>5</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquiries and/or jockey objections.

02/01/19<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#6 TAMMY'S WINDOW (Tr. W.E. Morey) claimed, J. Carava, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#6 TRAPALANDA (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed, P. Miller, trainer— <b>VOIDED</b> -Unsound
	#7 BOY HOWDY (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed, J. Carava, trainer
6 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#2 REDS SACRED APPEAL (Tr. W. Solis) Sick-Tim Grande DVM REFUND: \$128.20
7 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#8 PROUD EMMA (Tr. M. Machowsky) Enter Back- Stewards REFUND: \$540.50
8 <sup>th</sup> Race Declarations	#4 MAJOR CABBIE (Tr. D. Hendricks) Injured-Tim Grande DVM #5 KYLEMORE (Tr. R. Baltas) Flipped in Paddock- Dana Stead DVM REFUND TOTAL: \$29,753.54; Minus Pool \$1,450.94
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	Cancel \$1 Super High Five & Roulette
9 <sup>th</sup> Race Declarations	#2 COWBOY (Tr. B. Grayson) Track Condition- Stewards #5 SILVER SUMMER (Tr. A. Saavedra) Off Turf-Stewards #9 SARATOGA MORNING (Tr. D. O'Neill) Track Condition-Stewards #10 SHORT OF Ez (Tr. M. Puype) Off Turf- Stewards
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 BUCKYS PICK (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, D. O'Neill, Off Turf-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$1,257.66

02/01/19<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,219	\$704,803.79
SCOTWinc	4,176	\$1,399,668.01
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,143,125.48
Total	7,395	\$8,247,597.28

**SATURDAY**

02/02/19<sup>1</sup>

**PEDRO ZAVALA RULING**

Santa Anita outriders reported that Apprentice Jockey PEDRO ZAVALA jogged a horse he was on, in front of the starting gate in the ¾ mile chute, which is restricted for a specific time, on January 30, 2019. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #037**

Apprentice Jockey PEDRO PABLO ZAVALA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – jogging in front of starting gate when not permitted) on January 30, 2019.

02/02/19<sup>2</sup>

**HUGE POOL**

The entire \$0.20 Rainbow Pick Six Jackpot was paid out today. A total of \$6,790,952.13 was distributed. Mutuel Manager Randy Hartzell reported that 18,764 winning tickets were cashed. \$296.30 was the winning payoff.

02/02/19<sup>3</sup>

**OFF TRACK**

Hard rain this morning led to the main track being rated 'sloppy'. No turf racing was scheduled today.

02/02/19<sup>4</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's ten (10) race card went well as it was free of Steward's inquiries and/or jockey objections.

02/02/19<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Red Envelope Ownership should read Super Horse Inc.
1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#6 TOUGH IT OUT (Tr. J. Sadler) Office error/Wrong horse-Stewards REFUND: \$311.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration	#5 BEANTOWN BOYS (Tr. G. Vallejo) Enter Back- Stewards REFUND: \$421.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#6 STONE HANDS (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer- <b>VOIDED</b> - Bled
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 CROWN THE KITTEN (Tr. G. Headley) claimed, R. Saldana
4 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#2 TOP NOTCH (Tr. Q. Miller) Track Condition-Stewards REFUND: \$833.75
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5
5 <sup>th</sup> Race Declarations	#2 KOA (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Track Condition - Stewards #6 AIR BOSS (Tr. J. Sadler) Sick-Tim Grande DVM REFUND TOTAL: \$ 1,905.97; Minus Pool \$154.73
5 <sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change	#7 MOONOVERTHEBAYOU J. Talamo for K. Desormeaux-Sick
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	CANCEL ROULETTE WAGERING
6 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#6 NOLO CONTESTO (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards REFUND: \$20,901.40; Minus Pool \$1,941.55

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #6 WHITEHOUSE ROAD (Tr. J. Mullins) Track Condition-Stewards  
 #7 C FALLS (S. Ruiz) Track Condition-Stewards  
 REFUND TOTAL: \$10,760.62

9<sup>th</sup> Race Cancel Rolling Super High 5

9<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 DALMORE E. Maldonado for K. Desormeaux-Sick

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #3 DABSTER (Tr. B. Baffert) Stakes-Stewards  
 #4 SHIVERMETIMBERS (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Stakes-Stewards  
 #6 SONNETEER (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Stakes-Stewards  
 REFUND TOTAL: \$6,898.39; Minus Pool \$27,034.13

10<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #1 CANDYMAN GARRET (Tr. J. Mullins) Track Condition-Stewards  
 #8 WARRIOR'S LULLABY (Tr. S. Ruiz) Full Field-Stewards  
 REFUND TOTAL: \$22,455.20

02/02/19<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,839	\$1,088,482.17
SCOTWinc	5,512	\$2,105,692.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,398,181.27
Total	10,351	\$14,592,355.84

**SUNDAY**

02/03/19<sup>1</sup>

**OLVA KRUSHEVSKA RULING**

San Luis Rey Downs Outrider Leslie Baker contacted the Stewards today regarding a 'Violation Notice' that was issued to Exercise Rider OLHA KRUSHEVSKA for galloping 'on the rail' on January 21, 2019. She had been issued a 'Violation Notice, which resulted in a warning, for a similar incident in June 2018. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

**LATS RULING #038**

Exercise Rider OLHA KRUSHEVSKA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping on the rail) at San Luis Rey Downs on January 21, 2019.

02/03/19<sup>2</sup>

**AARON GRYDER RULING**

Jockey AARON GRYDER won his second race of the day aboard the Michael Machowsky trained #6 MINISTERSDONT'TLIE in today's seventh race. Jockey Gryder used his riding crop more than three times in succession without giving his horse a chance to respond. In lieu of an informal hearing tomorrow Jockey Gryder pled guilty to violation of CHRB Rule # 1688 and accepted the following penalty.

**LATS RULING #039**

Jockey AARON GRYDER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on February 2, 2019.

02/03/19<sup>3</sup>

**FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of this race which was contested at 1 1/16<sup>th</sup> mile on the main (sloppy) track. At the start post time favorite (Odds 1/2) #2 ANUKET, stumbled and unseated Jockey Drayden Van Dyke. #2 ANUKET was caught by a track outrider and appeared to be in good condition. The horse caused his own problems so the Stewards' made 'no change' in the order of finish. Jockey Van Dyke rose to

his feet almost immediately. He went to the First Aid office and was 'cleared' following examination and fulfilled his one (1) remaining riding engagement.

02/03/19<sup>4</sup>

#### **NEW TRACK RECORD**

In today's seventh race the Doug O'Neill trained #2 I AM THE DANGER (Heriberto Figueroa) finished first on a track rated as 'Sloppy'. The final time for the 5 ½ furlong main track distance was 1:01.64 seconds which establishes a 'New Track Record' (NTR). This time eclipses the record (1:01.71) set by POWER JAM established on July 10, 2016.

02/03/19<sup>5</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration #8 CURLIN'S JOURNEY (Tr. D. Keen) Off Turf-Stewards  
REFUND: \$2,145.25

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 AVANTI BELLO (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed, V. Cerin, trainer

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration #3 GADOT (Tr. V. Cerin) Track Condition-Stewards, REFUND: \$758.28

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #2 MERCY (tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Track Condition-Stewards  
REFUND: \$1,416.81

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #1 MESO (Tr. J. Sadler) Off Turf-Stewards  
#2 LA SHIRIMP (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf-Stewards  
#3 HELLO BUBBLES (Tr. N. Drysdale) Off Turf-Stewards  
#4 MEANASNAKE (Tr. P. D, Amato) Off Turf-Stewards  
#7 TWINKLE DREAM (Tr. P. Gallagher) Off Turf-Stewards  
#9 UNICORN (Tr. R. Baltas) Off Turf-Stewards  
REFUND TOTAL: \$3,635.39

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #7 SWISS MINISTER (Tr. Genaro Vallejo) Track Condition-Stewards  
REFUND: \$1,043.80

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 SURFING STAR (Tr. B. Headley) Track Condition-Stewards  
REFUND: \$1,887.29

9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 JEWEL (Tr. J. Periban) claimed, M. Pender-VOIDED-Bled

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 LANACAKES (Tr. Aguirre) Track Condition-Stewards  
REFUND: \$1,777.11

02/03/19<sup>6</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,356	\$651,071.43
SCOTWinc	3,863	\$1,307,451.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,161,415.33
Total	6,219	\$7,119,937.89

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

#### **SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/28/19 - 2/03/19**

Horses on Vet List 14  
Horses off Vet List 9  
Shock Wave Therapy 28  
Fatalities 2  
Medication 0

## SUMMARY

	Thurs 1/31	Fri 2/01	Sat 2/02	Sun 2/03	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	3	23
Claims	1	3	1	1	6	86
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	13
Refunds	16	6	8	12	42	205
Rulings	1	3	1	2	7	39
Voided Claims	0	1	1	1	3	21

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Safety Steward